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REMARKS**Status of Claims**

Claims 17-20 are pending in the application. All claims stand finally rejected. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

The examiner states that Claims 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as been clearly anticipated by Lamb 5,102,487. Especially figure 1, cutters 18, 30 sensor 46, and column 4, lines 52-64.

The Examiner states that amending claim 17 to contain the limitations of "an apparatus for stacking webs of laminated, tabbed shingle material and cutting through the stacked webs of laminated, tabbed shingle material" would overcome the rejection based on the '487 patent.

Applicants have amended claim 17 to comply with the Examiner's suggestions. No new matter has been added and support for the amendments can be found in the specification at page 6, lines 18 through page 7, line 15. Applicants respectfully request that the amendments be entered as no additional searching is deemed to be required.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the 102(b) rejection of claim 17-20 be withdrawn.

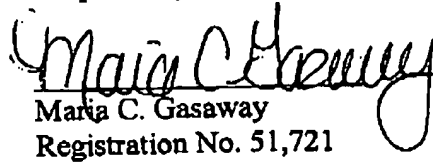
Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested. Allowance of claims 17-20 at an early date is solicited. If any questions should arise with respect to the above Remarks, or if the Examiner has any comments or suggestions to place the claims in better condition for allowance, it is requested that the Examiner contact Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

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